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THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" It depends on the number of interpellations put in the House." (Laughter.)

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" Is it due to the continued neglect of the district by the Government? "

Outbreak of cholera in certain areas in Malabar.

* 384 Q.—SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state— 10 a.m.

(a) how many persons died of cholera in Attapady and Thenkara amsams of Walluvanad taluk, Malabar, during the months of October, November and December 1953, up to date; and

(b) the measures taken by the Government to prevent the spread of this epidemic?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) Seventy-two persons up to 12th December 1953.

" (b) Soon after the receipt of the report of infection, the range Health Inspector and the District Health Officer visited the villages and instituted control measures. Intensive inocula tions have been carried out. Necessary special staff has been concentrated in the area for preventive work."

SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI :—" അട്ടപ്പാടിയിലും തെങ്കരയിലും പാലും മൾട്ടി വിററാമിൻ പിൽസും വിതരണം ചെയ്യാൻ വല്ല ഏർപ്പാടും ചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ടോ ? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" I have already stated that a very large quantity was allotted to and distributed in Malabar district."

SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN :—" May I know, Sir, whether this Government have received any instructions from the Government of India to take particular care of cases of dysentery and diarrhoea in Malabar? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" This is a question about cholera, Sir."

Outbreak of cholera in certain areas in Malabar.

* 385 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) on what date Palghat taluk, Malabar, was notified as cholera-affected area; and

(b) how many cases of cholera and how many cholera deaths had been reported before such notification?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) On 3rd September 1953.

" (b) Thirteen attacks and 8 deaths had been reported before the notification."